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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claims 10 and 14 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended). An electrical connector comprising a housing having a plurality of terminal accommodating holes for accommodating a plurality of connecting terminals connected to distal ends of electric wires and a plurality of locking arms each of which is engaged with a respective one of said connecting terminals not to remove backwardly, and a front holder which is engaged with a front portion of the housing and includes a plurality of terminal inserting holes through which cooperating connecting terminals are to be inserted and a plurality of arm pushing portions each of which is urged against a respective one of said locking arms to enhance a locking force of the locking arms, wherein said front holder has formed therein

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a plurality of arm operating holes through each of which a jig  
for operating the locking arms is to be inserted, and a plurality  
15 of said terminal inserting holes independently, said front holder  
is movable lineally in a plane parallel to a front surface of  
said housing with respect to said housing in a direction along an  
axial line between said terminal inserting holes and said arm  
operating holes corresponding to a first position and a second  
20 position; in said first position of the front holder, said  
plurality of locking arms are pushed toward connecting terminals  
by said plurality of arm pushing portions and said plurality of  
terminal inserting holes are aligned with said plurality of  
connecting terminals such that an electrical connection between  
25 the connecting terminals and cooperating electrical terminals is  
attained by engaging a cooperating housing; and in said second  
position of the front holder, said front holder is temporarily  
engaged with said housing, said front holder releases arm pushing  
portions of said locking arms, said plurality of terminal  
30 inserting holes are shifted out of the axial lines of the  
connecting terminals installed within the housing, said plurality  
of arm operating holes are aligned with said plurality of locking  
arms, and said plurality of arm pushing portions are removed from  
said plurality of locking arms such that a locking operation of a

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- 35 locking arm is released by inserting the jig into an arm operating hole and a connecting terminal can be removed from a terminal accommodating hole.

Claims 11-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented). The electrical connector according to claim 10, wherein said front holder has formed therein a plurality of terminal pushing portions which push said connecting terminals backward to engage said plurality of locking arms with said plurality of connecting terminals in the axial direction without play when said front holder is moved from said second position into said first position.

- 5 Claim 14 (Currently Amended). ~~[[The]]~~ An electrical connector according to claim 13 comprising a housing having a plurality of terminal accommodating holes for accommodating a plurality of connecting terminals connected to distal ends of electric wires and a plurality of locking arms each of which is engaged with a respective one of said connecting terminals not to remove backwardly, and a front holder which is engaged with a front portion of the housing and includes a plurality of terminal

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10 inserting holes through which cooperating connecting terminals  
are to be inserted and a plurality of arm pushing portions each  
of which is urged against a respective one of said locking arms  
to enhance a locking force of the locking arms, wherein said  
front holder has formed therein a plurality of arm operating  
15 holes through each of which a jig for operating the locking arms  
is to be inserted, said front holder is movable with respect to  
said housing in a direction along an axial line between said  
terminal inserting holes and said arm operating holes  
corresponding to a first position and a second position; in said  
first position of the front holder, said plurality of locking  
20 arms are pushed toward connecting terminals by said plurality of  
arm pushing portions and said plurality of terminal inserting  
holes are aligned with said plurality of connecting terminals  
such that an electrical connection between the connecting  
terminals and cooperating electrical terminals is attained by  
25 engaging a cooperating housing; and in said second position of  
the front holder, said front holder is temporarily engaged with  
said housing, said plurality of terminal inserting holes are  
shifted out of the axial lines of the connecting terminals  
installed within the housing, said plurality of arm operating  
30 holes are aligned with said plurality of locking arms, and said

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plurality of arm pushing portions are removed from said plurality of locking arms such that a locking operation of a locking arm is released by inserting the jig into an arm operating hole and a connecting terminal can be removed from a terminal accommodating hole,

35 wherein said front holder has formed therein a plurality of terminal pushing portions which push said connecting terminals backward to engage said plurality of locking arms with said plurality of connecting terminals in the axial direction without  
40 play when said front holder is moved from said second position into said first position, and

wherein each of said terminal pushing portions includes an inclined portion by means of which each of said connecting terminals is gradually pushed backward.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented). The electrical connector according to claim 10, wherein in said first position, said front holder is engaged with said housing by means of a locking member.